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LETTER DATED 12 NOVEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter dated 11 November, from my Minister of Foreign Affairs to your excellency.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

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Annex

Letter dated 11 November 1994 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

I bring your attention to the grave situation in the safe area of Bihac where the civilian population has been subjected to the synchronized activities of the Serb forces from both the territories of our Republic and UNPA's zones in neighbouring Croatia. This situation warrants the Special Representative of the Secretary-General to instruct UNPROFOR Command to take all the measures necessary and without delay to protect the Bihac "safe area", in accordance with its mandate established by Security Council resolutions on "safe areas".

We have alerted the international community to war criminal Radovan Karadzic's threat of a new and more brutal offensive against the safe area of Bihac. That offensive is currently well underway.

Artillery fire and other forms of attacks by the Serb forces continue to intensify. For the second consecutive day, the safe area of Bihac is subject to attacks from the air by the aggressor's forces planes that take off from "Udbine" airport in UNPA's zones in the Republic of Croatia.

Two days ago, in the bombardment and rocket attacks on Bihac, the casualties were again civilians and non-military targets.

We ask why UNPROFOR has taken no action, despite the no-fly zone provisions, and the precisely determined mandate of resolutions 781 (1992) and 786 (1992) in the event of violations of the no fly zone.

(Signed) Irfan LJUBIJANKIC
Minister